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SUBJECT: TANZANIAN PRIME MINISTER VISITS RWANDA

1. TANZANIAN SECOND VICE PRESIDENT AND PRIME MINISTER NDUGU RWCHID KAWAWA MADE FOUR-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT TO RWANDA AUGUST 24 - 27. PRES. HABYARIMANA ACCORDED HIM FULL HEAD-OF-STATE TREATMENT, INCLUDING STATE DINNER, IN-COUNTRY HELICOPTER TOUR, AND EVENING OF FOLK DANCING AT OFFICIAL RWANDAN RESIDENCE. FONOFF SOURCES TOLD EMB. VISIT MAINLY PROTOCOL IN NATURE FOLLOWING HABYARIMANA'S FEB. VISIT TO MWANZA AND FONMIN NSEKALIJE'S JUNE TRIP TO DAR ES SALAAM, AND SERVED AS GOR EXPRESSION GRATITUDE FOR TANGOV HELP IN RECENT GAS CRISIS (KIGALI 571). RWANDAN PUBLICITY CONCENTRATED ON FRIENDLY BILATERAL RELATIONS, POTENTIAL JOINH DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS INCLUDING ROAD TO ISAKA AND RAILROAD LINKING TWO COUNTRIES, AND SIMILARITY GOALS NATIONAL MOVEMENTS TANU AND MRND. FINAL COMMUNIQUE ANNOUNCED INTENTION ESTABLISH MIXED VOMMISSION FOR STUDY OF MEANS "CONSOLIDATE LINKS OF DYNAMIC COOPERATION" BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES, CONTINUE REGULAR CONSULTATIONS, INCLUDING SECOND VISIT BY HABYARIMANA TO

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TANZANIA AT DATE TO BE DECIDED. PROJECTS LISTED FOR

"URGENT IMPLEMENTATION" INCLUDED: PAVING KIGALI-ISAKA ROAD, INSTALLATION HYDROELECTRIC POWER STATION RUSUMO FALLS, CONSTRUCTION RWANDAN-TANZANIAN RAIL LINK, DEVELOPMENT KAGERA BASIN, TSETSE FLY ERADICATION, TOURISM DEVELOPMENT, COOPERATION IN DEMOGRAPHIC SPHERE, AND PROJECT TO FACILITATE DAY-TO-DAY RELATIONS AMONG VILLAGERS ALONG RWANDAN-TANZANIAN BORDER. COMMUNIQUE STATEMENTS ON INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AND SOUTHERN AFRICA FOLLOWED USUAL AFRICAN LINE AND "VIGOROUSLY CONDEMNED BARBAROUS ASSASSINATIONS BY RACIST MINORITY REGIMES OF VORSTER AND IAN SMITH AGAINST AFRICAN PEOPLES."

3. COMMENT: WHILE RUSUMO-ISAKA ROAD LINK CONTINUES HIGHEST IN MINDS OF GOR LEADERS AS MEANS TO DIVERSIFY ACCESS ROUTE TO SEA, ITS HIGH COST (DOLS 100 MILLION) WILL CLOUD ITS FUTURE. MRND SEC GEN HABIMANA TOLD CHAROE THAT GOR WILLING TO SETTLE FOR CONSTRUCTION DIRT ROAD FOR FRACTION OF COST AND HAS HOPES FED WILL PROVIDE FINANCING. HABIMANA ALSO NOTED THAT COMMUNIQUE LANGUAGE ON DEMOGRAPHIC COOPERATION OF CRITICAL IMPORTANCE TO GOR AS TANU GOV SPECIFICALLY ACCEPTED PRINCIPLE OF RWANDAN EMIGRATION AS MEANS PARTIAL RESOLUTION RWANDAN DEMOGRAPHIC PROBLEM.

4. HABIMANA'S ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN VISIT, HIS SPECIAL MEETING WITH KAWAWA IN WHICH MRND/TANU RELATIONS DISCUSSED, AND HIS SIGNING OF FINAL COMMUNIQUE FOR PRESIDENT UNDERSCORE MAJOR ROLE NOW BEING ASSIGNED MOUVEMENT IN CONDUCT OF NATIONAL AFFAIRS.
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